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1. QUESTION OF SOME OFFICIAL WASHINGTON EVENT INVOLVING REPRESENTATIVES FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES STILL PENDING, BUT DECISION EXPECTED SHORTLY. YOU SHOULD, THEREFORE, DELAY RESPONSE TO MEA QUERY.

2. STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN CERTAIN INSTANCES HAVE INVITED FOREIGN PARTICIPATION IN THEIR CEREMONIES AT VARYING LEVELS OF REPRESENTATION--E.G., PHILADELPHIA ISSUED FORMAL INVITATIONS TO MANY WASHINGTON EMBASSIES, INCLUDING INDIA. AT NATIONAL LEVEL SOME 40 NATIONS, INDIA INCLUDED, HAVE BEEN INVITED BY SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION TO PARTICIPATE

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IN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL. U.S. NAVY HAS INVITED NAVIES OF ALL

COUNTRIES WITH WHICH WE HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL NAVAL REVIEW IN NEW YORK HARBOR ON JULY 4. INDIA CNO SOURENDRA NAITH KOHLI REGRETTED IN LETTER TO NAVY SECRETARY MIDDENDORF. INGERSOLL

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